



San Francisco Bay Area Federal Executive Board

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Eckerman Heads FEB in 2006

Annual breakfast meeting hosts transition, honors many others who helped in 2005



Larry Sovinsky (center) of the ATF was one of many federal employees honored by the FEB at its annual recognition and installation breakfast. Larry Eckerman (L) replaces James Griffin (R) as the new FEB chair.

At the annual "Recognition and Installation Breakfast" hosted by the Federal Executive Board (FEB) January 19 at the World Trade Club in San Francisco, outgoing FEB Chair James M. Griffin turned over the reigns of the organization to Larry Eckerman. Eckerman, the plant manager for the U.S. Mint in San Francisco, previously served as the FEB 1st vice chair.

Eckerman began his federal career in December 1999 with the Mint. As plant manager, he's responsible for all activities of the facility which manufactures silver and clad proof coin sets. Prior to his current position, Eckerman led manufacturing operations for over 20 years working in aerospace and defense electronic components manufacturing, as well as in operations providing semi-conductors to heavy industry. Eckerman is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and served as a carrier pilot before embarking on a manufacturing career.

Before he turned the gavel over to Eckerman, Griffin, a court administrator with the San Francisco Immigration Court, praised a variety of individuals involved in FEB programs and projects "that make

a difference in the lives of federal employees and our fellow citizens." Such praise was reserved for everything from the FEB's Executive Development Program and the Combined Federal Campaign to the QUAD and Federal Employee of the Year programs, along with tributes to those involved in COOP exercises, the San Francisco Pay Task Force and the 2005 FEB policy committee.

Taking into account a number of successful FEB events in 2005 that ranged from leadership and administrative training to a mediation program, Griffin estimated a costs savings to the government in excess of \$775,000.

Joining FEB's leadership for 2006 are Joan Ehrlich, 1st vice chair, and Fred Lau, 2nd vice chair. Ehrlich is the San Francisco district director of the EEOC and has served the past two years as the chair of the San Francisco Bay Area-Silicon Valley Combined Federal Campaign. Lau is federal security director for the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, at Oakland International Airport. He previously served 30 years in law enforcement and retired as chief of the San Francisco Police Department in 2002.



The Coast Guard Cutter Pike, a new 87-foot patrol boat with a crew of 11, arrived at Yerba Buena Island in January following a 5,000-mile voyage from Louisiana where the vessel was constructed. Its mission is search and rescue and law enforcement in San Francisco Bay, delta and offshore waters.

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